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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: NASDA ANNUAL MEETING

*By Steven K. Reviczky, CT Commissioner of Agriculture*

Last week, I participated in the annual meeting of the [National Association of State Departments of Agriculture](#) (NASDA), held September 15-19, 2011, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Forty-six states were represented, including four from New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont). The focus of this year's meeting was the federal [Farm Bill](#). The current bill expires at the end of fiscal year 2012, creating opportunities for improvement in the new bill that is expected to take effect in 2013. At the same time, the current economy and climate in Washington pose obvious challenges.

USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen A. Merrigan spoke at the meeting and explained how, working alongside Secretary Tom Vilsack, she oversees the day-to-day operation of USDA's many programs and spearheads the \$149 billion USDA budget process. The allocation of that money is critical to the individual states' agricultural budgets and programming, and is determined by the Farm Bill. Therefore it is extremely important for us here in Connecticut (and for agricultural leaders in the other states) to provide as much input as possible about the shaping of the next Farm Bill.

Connecticut and the other New England and Northeast states face issues that can be very different from those in much larger, less densely populated states of the Midwest and West. Back in June, the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NEASDA), met to establish priorities common to the Northeast so that we could present these concerns during our conversations at last week's NASDA meeting in Salt Lake City.

NEASDA represents Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. According to the 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture, this region is home to 145,000 farms and 20 million acres actively in production, and accounts for over \$14 billion in agricultural product sales. Northeastern states lead the nation in direct sales to consumers through farmers markets, community supported agriculture, and farm stands. Based on annual receipts, dairy and horticulture are the two largest sectors of agricultural production (\$5 billion and \$5.8 billion, respectively).

Together, we determined that the top Farm Bill priorities, in regard to Northeast agriculture, are as follows:

- Title I, Commodity Programs, Subtitle E, Dairy
- Title II, Conservation
- Title IV, Nutrition
- Title VI, Rural Development
- Title VII, Research and Related Matters
- Title IX, Energy
- Title X, Horticulture and Organic Agriculture
- Title XI, Livestock

We presented these priorities last week at the NASDA annual meeting, and heard from other areas of the country about their specific concerns and goals for the new Farm Bill. It was interesting to see that while our various regions do have distinct differences, we also share a number of common challenges.

By the end of the weekend, NASDA had identified four issues at the top of its priority list. These include:

- [The Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#), which provides significant state funding to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops such as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture, and nursery crops;
- [Invasive Species](#) of pests and weeds, which threaten every state in the nation;
- **Conservation Programs**, including the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#), the [Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program](#), and [Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program](#); and
- [The Market Access Program](#), which encourages the development, maintenance, and expansion of commercial export markets for agricultural commodities and other federal-state marketing programs.

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**WHOLESALE FRUITS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,12/3,xfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE,Gala,8/5lb	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,bu	40.00	40.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,xfcy,64ct	55.00	55.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,100ct	25.00	28.00
APPLE,Macn,100ct	35.00	35.00
APPLE, Macn,bu,2-1/2	30.00	30.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
GRAPE,Concord,8/1qt	25.00	25.00
NECTARINES,24lb	26.00	26.00
PEACH,25lb,2-1/2min	22.00	22.00
PEAR,Anjou,4/5 bu,red	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Bart,4/5bu	24.00	24.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	24.00	25.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION  
September 26, 2011**

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	73.00-77.00
	270-350lbs	n/a
	300-350lbs	n/a
45-49	220-300lbs	68.00-73.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	53.00-56.00
	500-700 lbs	61.00-63.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	34.00-35.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
Middlefield, September 26, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	27.00	36.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	50.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	67.50	70.00
106 lbs. & up	75.00	90.00
Farm Calves	95.00	100.00
Veal Calves	50.00	85.00
Open Heifers	55.00	76.00
Feeder Steers	77.50	85.00
Starter Calves	28.00	38.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	82.50
Lambs each	70.00	175.00
Goats each	70.00	130.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	50.00
Canners	up to	61.50
Cutters	62.00	65.00
Utility Grade Cows	66.00	71.00
Rabbits each	4.00	12.00
Chickens each	3.00	11.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00
Sheep	72.00	100.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BEAN,Green ,bu	28.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE,Green,50lb,box	9.00	12.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Savoy,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	16.00
CORN,Ornmntl,1/2bu,20/3s	32.00	35.00
CORN, Stalks,bndl	4.00	5.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBERS,pick,bu	35.00	40.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	20.00	24.00
GOURDS,Ornmntl,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
GREEN ONION,12s	12.00	12.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	13.00	13.00
OKRA,1/2bu	22.00	22.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,Sntn,lg	9.00	11.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,xl	12.00	14.00
PEPPER,Jalapeno,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
POTATOES,Chef,50lb	16.00	16.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,10lb,A	2.75	2.75
POTATOES,Chef,yel,50lb	24.00	24.00
PUMPKIN,36,Howden,bin	140.00	165.00
PUMPKIN,36,Pie,bin	280.00	300.00
PUMPKIN,24,Pie,bin	180.00	200.00
SQUASH,Buttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Green,1/2bu,sm/ed	22.00	24.00
SQUASH,Yellow,1/2bu	22.00	24.00
SWISS CHARD,Color,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES,25lb,5X6	15.00	18.00
TOMATOES,Grape,12/1pt	18.00	20.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Monday, September 26, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers 75-80%lean  
67.00-69.00--- 70.00-72.50----63.00-64.00

Boners 80-85% lean  
61.00-65.00—65.50-67.00 ----59.00-60.00

Lean 85-90% lean  
55.00-60.00 --- 61.50-55.00--- 51.00-55.00

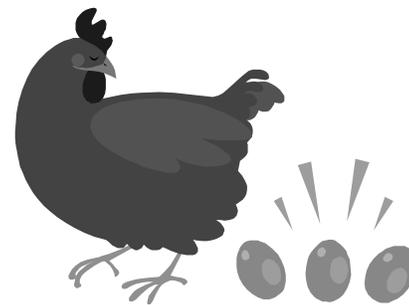
**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1  
1510-1700 lbs -79.00-83.00

**CALVES:** All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1  
95-115 lbs 165.00-185.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1  
85-95 lbs 230.00-285.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Non-Traditional Markets:  
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3  
40-60 lbs 197.00-213.00  
60-80 lbs 163.00-183.00  
80-90 lbs 152.00-167.00  
90-110 lbs 146.00-161.00  
110-130 lbs 150.00-168.00  
130-150 lbs 130.00-150.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	175-184
LARGE	174-183
MEDIUM	115-124

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

September 26, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	111-129
LARGE	105-119
MEDIUM	88-101

**VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

September 22, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.  
All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Mixed Grass sm. square, 35-45lbs  
Good 2.20 per bale

Timothy lg. round, over 1,000lb  
Good 81.00 per bale

Orchard sm. square-35-45  
Grass 4.80-6.10 per bale  
Premium 3.30 per bale  
Good

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

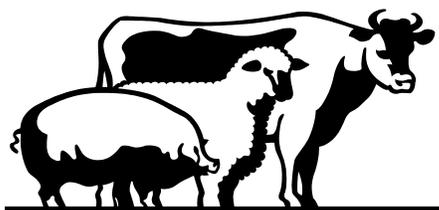
40-60 lbs 140.00-157.00  
60-80 lbs 148.00-163.00  
80-90 lbs 139.00-154.00  
90-110lbs 137.00-151.00  
110-130lbs 140.00-155.00

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Good 2-3: Med. Flesh

120-160 lbs 69.00-.84.00  
160-200 lbs 70.00-85.00  
200-300lbs 68.00-76.00  
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh  
120-160 lbs 61.00-76.00  
160-200 lbs 58.00-73.00

**SLAUGHTER GOATS:** All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.

Kids: 30-40 lbs n/a  
50-60lbs 106.00-112.00  
60-80lbs 100.00-115.00  
80-90lbs 122.00-137.00  
90-100lbs n/a  
100-110lbs n/a  
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 112.00-120.00  
130-180 lbs 116.00-130.00  
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 136.00-151.00  
150-250 lbs 147.00-162.00



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1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, [ddonahue01@comcast.net](mailto:ddonahue01@comcast.net) or [www.hobbyfarmusa.com](http://www.hobbyfarmusa.com). Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 [www.treeman2.com](http://www.treeman2.com)

161-R. Rye straw, livestock hay, not for horses. Square or round bales. 203-484-0664.

171. 67 Massey Ferguson 2135 w/MF 100 loader. Continental Z134 gas engine, 3pt, 540 with draft control, 50 hrs on new rubber and fluids. Mech. Exc. Marvels 3300 B/O Also available: repowered Wellcraft 192 classic. Landscape equipment, chipper, midsize Owen 203-457-1667.

172. Piglets-Yorkshire-Landrace cross, white, clean, healthy-7 weeks old. \$75/each. 860-668-2181

173. Fall Discount Sale. Premium dark natural mulch \$16/yd. Great for fall plantings. Also color enhanced mulches \$23/yd. Prices as wholesale only. Picked up East Haddam. We can deliver any volume. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

176-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

177-R. Three old farm tractors for sale. Come make offer. 203-288-9676.

178-R. Gehl 865 chopper, 1000 rpm, electric controls, 2 row corn head, 6' grass head field ready \$6,000.00. 860-567-9537.

179-R. 1984 IH S-1900 truck 466DT 20' flatbed dump, lift axle \$5,000.00. 860-567-9537.

180-R. John Deere 80 2-row corn planter, can also plant pumpkins. \$1,000.00. Nolts brand mulch layer, 3 point hitch, lays 4 ft. plastic. \$850.00. 203-788-0978.

181-R. Rye Straw, clean, bright, weed free. Call 203-484-0664.

182. Land for sale, Brooklyn, CT. 2 parcels: first is 1.69 acres with 250' frontage, part wooded, part open. Second is a private back lot behind the above-listed land and consists of 2.167 acres, mostly wooded with some cleared, overlooking town-owned open space. Both are level, private scenic and natural. Currently perked and approved as house lots, but can still be used for rural/agricultural purposes. May be purchased individually or together. Call 860-774-8366.

### MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: NASDA ANNUAL MEETING (continued from Page 1)

NASDA members agreed that federal-state cooperative agreements were crucial to the survival of every state's agricultural efforts. They also recognized agricultural labor as a common thread among all states, large and small, and will be working to create an agricultural guest worker program that will benefit all members.

I am proud to represent Connecticut's agricultural industry and will continue to participate in local, regional, and national discussions that provide opportunities to overcome challenges and to grow and enhance agriculture in our state. I have been touring farms and meeting with agricultural producers throughout Connecticut and will continue these visits so that I may hear your concerns and make every effort that they are addressed as we shape future policy.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO CT FRUIT GROWERS

Connecticut has two suspected cases of Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) in berry crops. For those growing grapes or berries, IPM for Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) should be considered. Monitoring info is available at <http://www.ipm.msu.edu/SWD/Isaacs%20SWD%20fruit%20sampling%20study%202011.pdf> and <http://www.ipm.msu.edu/SWD/SWD-monitor.htm>

The SWD is a small vinegar fly of East Asian origin that can cause damage to many fruit crops. Unlike most other vinegar flies that require damaged fruit to attack, the SWD causes damage when the female flies cut a slit and lay eggs in healthy fruit. The fly larvae (maggots) will then develop in the fruit. The insect is a pest of most berry crops, grapes, cherries and some other tree fruits, with a preference for softer-fleshed fruit.

Small fruit growers in Connecticut should monitor for these flies at this time. See this factsheet from Washington State on how to make a trap using vinegar and yellow sticky traps:

[http://ipm.wsu.edu/small/pdf/SWD\\_Bulletin\\_Eastern\\_WA\\_v1\\_04.pdf](http://ipm.wsu.edu/small/pdf/SWD_Bulletin_Eastern_WA_v1_04.pdf)

Also be sure to check small fruits such as raspberries and blueberries for egg laying holes and maggots.

More information is available from

Michigan State (<http://www.ipm.msu.edu/SWD.htm>), Oregon State (<http://swd.hort.oregonstate.edu/>), and New Jersey Blueberry Bulletin (<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/blueberrybulletin/2011/bb-v27n16.pdf>).

If you have any fruit with suspected SWD, contact Lorraine Los, UCONN Fruit Crops IPM Coordinator, 860-486-6449 or [Lorraine.Los@uconn.edu](mailto:Lorraine.Los@uconn.edu).

### NORTHEAST HIGHLAND CATTLE SHOW OCT 8

The Northeast Highland Cattle Association's annual fall show and gathering will be held on 10/8/11, 9:00 a.m., in the Mallery Arena, Big E Fairgrounds, West Springfield, MA. Spectators are welcome; no admission charge. See a number of breeders and a sampling of their stock all under one roof. For more info, contact Marion Beausoleil, 860-429-1392.

**News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to [linda.plotrowicz@ct.gov](mailto:linda.plotrowicz@ct.gov) for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.**

**GOV MALLOY REQUESTS USDA DISASTER DESIGNATION**

On September 15, 2011, Governor Dannel P. Malloy formally requested a USDA disaster designation for Connecticut counties affected by Tropical Storm Irene. His letter to USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack provided supporting documentation compiled by the state office of the USDA Farm Service Agency showing crop damage of at least 30 percent (the eligibility threshold) in all counties of Connecticut except Tolland. Governor Malloy asked Secretary Vilsack to issue a disaster designation for Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Windham Counties, so that crop damage relief could be made available to affected farmers in those counties to supplement relief for physical losses made available by Presidential Declaration M4023, issued on September 3, 2011.

**9/29/11 ROUNDTABLE WITH CONGRESSMAN MURPHY AND USDA UNDERSECRETARY SHERMAN**

A roundtable discussion with Congressman Chris Murphy and USDA Undersecretary Harris Sherman, "Can the USDA Be a Better Conservation Partner?" will be held from 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. on September 29, 2011, at the UConn Torrington Campus, 855 University Drive. Federal Issues to be discussed include disaster preparedness, the 2012 Farm Bill, USDA voluntary conservation programs (EQIP, WHIP, FRPP, etc.), sustainable farming, and forestry issues.

For more information, please contact the Office of Congressman Murphy, 114 West Main Street, Suite 206, New Britain, CT 06051, 860-223-8412, or email [meghan.forgione@mail.house.gov](mailto:meghan.forgione@mail.house.gov).

**ONLINE FALL COURSES FOR BEGINNING FARMERS**

Cornell University's Northeast Beginning Farmer Project is offering seven online courses this fall, for those farming (or planning to farm) in the Northeast. The interactive 5- to 7-week courses are led by experienced educators and farmers, and are designed to help you establish clear goals, assess personal resources, plan marketing, create budgets, set up record-keeping, navigate regulations, choose the right equipment, improve soil, get organically certified, write a business plan, and learn how to raise veggies and chickens. More information is available online at <http://nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/>.

**REPORT STORM DAMAGE TO DOAG AND FSA**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is collecting information about storm-related damage to farms in the state. This information will be used to prepare reports for Governor Malloy, and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, if needed, and may be used to seek federal assistance if the extent of the damage warrants. If you incurred damage to your livestock, crops, equipment, or buildings, please complete and return the damage report form on DoAG's website, [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) or [www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag).

In addition, it is very important that you report damage to your local [USDA Farm Service Agency office](#) within 30 days of the loss in order to qualify for any programs that may be offered through FSA, and contact your crop insurance agent, if applicable.



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